

District Court Judge

Ben A. Seekins, Fourth Judicial District



SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Tanana Valley Bar Association - President 2014

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Exercising

STATEMENT:
It has been an honor to serve the people of the State of Alaska as a District Court Judge.

With each passing year I continue to expand my understanding of the law, and refine its application to the cases before me. I strive to follow the constitution and the laws of Alaska. In addition to the standard duties of a District Court Judge, I have volunteered in other areas. I have volunteered for temporary assignment to Superior Court civil and criminal cases. I am a backup judge on the Fairbanks Wellness Court. I serve on the new judge training committee, preparing annual trainings for incoming judges. I am a Magistrate Training Judge as well.

I would strive to continue to improve if allowed to serve you in the future

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AGE: 48

PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Christian Seekins, Caleb Seekins, Larissa Seekins

OCCUPATION: Fairbanks District Court Judge

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 48 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks 1974-present

EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School 1992; University of Alaska Fairbanks, B.B.A. Accounting 1996; University of Alaska Fairbanks, M.B.A. 1997; Gonzaga University, School of Law, J.D. 2002

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Assistant District Attorney 2003-2012
District Court Judge 2012-present

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Certified Public Accountant (inactive)
Newer Judge Training Committee
Magistrate Training Judge

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Ben Seekins, Fairbanks District Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Seekins met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Seekins was appointed to the Fairbanks District Court in January of 2012. Judge Seekins handles civil and criminal cases. This is his third retention evaluation.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Seekins met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Seekins complied with judicial ethics standards.

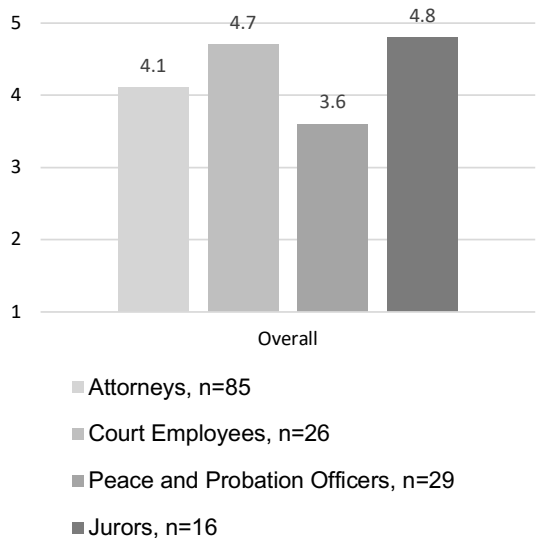
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Seekins in office.

Survey ratings: Attorneys and peace and probation officers who appeared before Judge Seekins gave him very good reviews. Court employees gave him excellent ratings. Jurors rated him very highly. One juror commented, “He was very courteous and explained everything we needed to know. I have no suggestions, the overall experience was great!” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Seekins. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Seekins’s professional activities showed positive contributions to the administration of justice. Judge Seekins made contributions in the areas of therapeutic courts, committee service, and teaching. A detailed list of Judge Seekins’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Seekins, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Seekins performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Seekins



Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us